GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:33
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2006
USE OF FOREST AREAS FOR WIND MILLS
Patil Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether hill tops and hill plateaus in forest areas are proposed to be used for generating non-conventional energy through wind mills in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the list of sites identified, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government would permit construction of roads to connect these hill tops to transport the wind mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has issued guidelines for diversion of forest land for wind energy power projects. The wind mills are located in high wind velocity areas including hillocks, which generally have scrubby vegetation devoid of large sized trees. The details of sites identified for establishment of wind power projects are not maintained by the Ministry. The proposals for wind power generation includes requirement of forest land for construction of roads also, in addition to other requirements. So far 19 wind power projects have been accorded approval by the Ministry under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.